

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
August 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Schroeder led the Council, City staff, and visitors in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Mayor Schroeder, Member Robert “Bob” Klug, Member Brad Rykhus, and Member David Fitzpatrick. Council member(s) absent: Amanda Ninneman. City staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director. Visitor(s) present: Matt Mohs, City Engineer, Lane Welch, Assistant Engineer, Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*; Charlene Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*; Lee Babler, Eugene Osborne, Todd Lemke, Arlyn Pohlman, Lucille Lemke, Francine Palen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Member Rykhus, motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following items:

- a. Approve Disbursements and Payroll
- b. Approve Ambulance Hire
- c. Approve Tobacco License at 111 E Main Street
- d. Approve Pay Request No. 7 from Wapasha Construction in the amount of \$221,883.06 for work performed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

a. Updates: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on the response to the August 6 storm, North Park improvements, Auditorium and Fire Station HVAC improvements, Wastewater Treatment Plant project, Well houses number 6 and 8, the Woodland storm pipe project, and the ISD 299 Parking Lot project. Director Klug also wished to recognize the Houston County Master Gardeners and Caledonia Green organization for their work to beautify and maintain public spaces within the City of Caledonia. Member Klug asked if the gardening organizations had any concerns regarding Ordinance 2022-02, any such concerns had been addressed by staff.

b. Director Klug presented the City Council with a quote to replace a damaged ATV with a UTV from Midwest Machinery. Director Klug stated there is a city-wide need for the vehicle and that, with the decision to purchase, staff could receive the vehicle in weeks and rent it for the remainder of 2022 before purchasing the vehicle for a price of approximately \$18,000 less leasing costs incurred in 2022. Mayor Schroeder moved to purchase the UTV and proceed with a contract for future trade-ins, seconded by Member Rykhus. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

c. Updates

- i. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson reminded the City Council of the August 9th Primary and Special Election as well as the ongoing Candidate Filing period which closes August 16th at 5:00PM

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Hearing and Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications, Resolution 2022-16: Member Klug moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried. Mayor Schroeder opened the Public Hearing at 6:03PM. City Engineer Matt Mohs presented a report on the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The report included the previously accepted Feasibility Report, an overview of the project area, proposed improvements, cost estimates, and financing. Eugene Osborne asked about availability of water during the project. Engineer Mohs stated that temporary water will be in place to properties with intermittent shut-offs with notice. Lucille Lemke asked if the project is in response to a specific problem with the streets and utilities or if it is in anticipation of future problems. Engineer Mohs stated that a pavement inventory was completed and this section of streets and utilities was deemed the worst in the city and in the most immediate need of repair. Todd Lemke asked about assessment percentages and percentages assessed to corner lots. Engineer Mohs stated that assessed percentages of corner lots were discussed in the creation of the assessment policy and that assessing corner lots partially is a practice usually reserved for residential lots. Member Klug reminded the members of the public that property owners are responsible for 100% of utility repairs, where they are responsible for 25% of these improvements. Engineer Mohs stated that this project is also an opportunity to mitigate lead service lines to properties and that property owners often group their line replacement projects together during road projects. Francine Palen asked if a maximum price had been set and about access to properties during construction. Engineer Mohs responded that a maximum price will not be known until bidding, and that access is a large part of the project design process and special considerations will be made to maintain access to properties. Craig Moorhead asked in regards to possible soil contamination and cost to remediate, Engineer Mohs explained the possibility of state funding to remediate potential soil contamination which would have a positive impact on the project. There being no more public comment, Mayor Schroeder closed the Public Hearing at 6:54PM. Motion made by Member Klug to approve Resolution 2022-16, a resolution ordering the improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the 2023 street and utility improvements, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Overtime Report July 11 through July 24: The City Council reviewed the overtime report and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rykhus. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator